(*b*) how many roads are there maintained by the Panchayat whether metalled or not (each separately given) connecting the three roads leading from Cranganur to Eriyad and Azhicode?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Three (2 mettalled and 1 partly metalled).

(*b*) Three (do.).

APPOINTMENTS UNDER PANCHAYATS

388. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether service under a Panchayat is considered as equivalent to Government service in any sense;

(*b*) what is the position of persons who have put in service under a Panchayat with reference to preference in the matter of future appointments in the various Panchayats?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes, subject to the limitation of a part-time servant.

(*b*) The appointment will be made by the Staff Selection Board. Preference will be given to those who have put in services under the Panchayats if they are duly qualified to hold the post in accordance with communal rotation.

INDUSTRIAL MUSEUMS

389. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the Government decide upon organising an Industrial Museum;

(*b*) has the organisation work completed; if not, what is the stage it has reached;

(*c*) do Government intend to organise such museums in all the important towns of the State?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The proposal to start an Industrial Museum was approved by the Government on 10th August 1943.

(*b*) The collection of exhibits has not been completed. A list of the articles so far completed is placed on the Council Table.

(*c*) Government propose to start a Sales Emporium at Ernakulam. There is no proposal at present to start such emporiums at other places.

MILITARY HOSPITAL—RAM MOHAN PALACE

390. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to retain the Military Hospital attached to Ram Mohan Palace?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The Government are not aware of any proposal to retain the Military Hospital permanently.

TRICHUR—KOLLENGODE RAILWAY LINE

391. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

is there any proposal to construct a Railway line from Trichur to Kollengode as a post-war measure; if so at what stage does the scheme now stand?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

The construction of the Trichur-Kollengode Railway line is included in the Post-war Railway Development programme of the Government of India. The Government of India have sanctioned the traffic and engineering surveys of the proposed line.

HEALTH OFFICER—TRICHUR MUNICIPALITIY

392. മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വടശ്ശീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ഒയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

(എ) ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ മുനിസിപ്പാൽ ഹെൽത്താഫീസർ തന്റെ സ്വന്തം കാറിനു പകരം മറ്റൊരു കാർ ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്ന ടയറുകൾ ഉപയോഗിച്ചതായി വല്ലപരാതിയും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിരുന്നോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു എന്തു നടപടിയാണു് എടുത്തതു്?

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മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു:

(എ) ഉവ്വ്.

(ബി) വേണ്ട അന്വേഷണങ്ങൾ നടത്തുകയും ഹെൽത്താപ്പിസ്സുക്ക് @ കു. പിഴകളി ക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

DISCHARGE OF WORKERS—STANDARD FURNITURE COMPANY, CHALAKKUDY

393. **Mr. P. K. Dewer** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have received any complaint from the workers of the Standard Furniture Company, Chalakkudy or their Union regarding discharge of workers;

(*b*) when was this complaint received;

(*c*) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter;

(*d*) what is the reason for the discharge of workers;

(*e*) is it a fact that the Company for want of sufficient number of men have been transferring some of these works to their factory in calicut;

(*f*) has the Government received complaint to the effect that women are being made to do hard work not suited to their physical conditions and that workers both men and women are being ill-treated;

(*g*) what is the strength of labour in the Standard Furniture Company at Chalakkudy; both men and women;

(*h*) has the Government received any representations from the Workers' Union that the Government be pleased to arbitrate in the dispute regarding the discharge of workers, etc.;

(*i*) if the answer is in the affirmative will they be pleased to inform the House what action has been taken on the same;

(*j*) has the said Furniture Company been declared as an essential service or a national service; if so, when was it;

(*k*) were the discharged workers given any notice of discharge;

(*l*) is it a fact that these workers were given "advances" for Onam just a few days before their discharge; if so, how many days after the Onam advances were paid, were these workers discharged; for what reason?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 31st August 1945/15th Chingam 1121.

(*c*) The matter was enquired into by the Labour Commissioner as the Government were satisfied that the discharge of employees was due to want of sufficient work, Government did not consider it necessary to interfere. However arrangements have been made to see that preference is given to the discharged workers when the work in the company is increased and additional labour is employed.

(*d*) Want of work due to the termination of contracts with the supply department of the Government of India.

(*e*) No. It is not a fact.

(*f*) Yes. The allegations were enquired into and found to be baseless.

(*g*) Men—149 Women—66. (As it stood at the end of the 3rd week of December 1945).

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) For the reasons stated in answer to (c) Government did not consider it necessary to refer it for adjudication.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) No. But they were given two weeks' wages in lieu of notice.

(*l*) Yes. 10 days after the payment of advance. For want of work.

INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

394. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have Government taken an Industrial survey of the State at any time during the past decade;

(*b*) if the answer to above is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to place a copy of report of survey on the Council Table?

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